

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th February 2023 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 7.45pm after public consultation.

Present:- Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Brown, Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Price and District Councillor Barnes.

The Clerk and the RFO, Anita Emery were in attendance along with five members of the public.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: -

Councillor Janes, Councillor Kenchington, Councillor Wright, (all *approved by the Council*) and County Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: -

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31st January 2023.

Minutes proposed by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Price.

3.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - *in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct: to receive any disclosure by Members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.*

None received.

3.1 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION – *to consider written requests from Members for Dispensation and to consider the length of time the dispensation should be granted for i.e. as a one-off relating to a matter on this agenda, or ongoing for a set period and relating to any agenda within that period.*

None received.

The Chair moved agenda item, 8.2 Planning application, RR/2022/1526/P Land east of London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7PN, Development of 28 dwellings (including affordable housing) with associated open space, access, parking and other associated works up the agenda as a representative of the site developer was present to answer any questions.

Councillor Brown asked that it be minuted that due to his involvement with the Neighbourhood Plan he has been involved with the ongoing discussions re this site but otherwise had no interest to declare.

8.2 Planning Applications

RR/2022/1526/P – Supported, (five supported with one abstention).

4.0 FINANCE/RFO Report

The RFO, Anita Emery gave the financial report.

4.1 To approve expenses and payments for February as itemised on the schedule

Proposed by Councillor Price and seconded by Councillor Duddridge.

This was **unanimously approved** by the Council.

4.2 To approve the year to date account

This was **unanimously approved** by the Council.

4.3 To consider grant request from Hurst Green Cricket Club

It was **unanimously agreed to grant a donation of £350** to the Club.

5.0 COMMUNITY Activities and reports.

5.1 Neighbourhood Plan, progress report (Cllrs. Brown & Wright)

Councillor Brown gave the report which had been distributed before the meeting.

The RFO, Anita Emery left the meeting at 8.40pm.

The Chair thanked Councillors Brown and Wright for getting the Neighbourhood Plan to this stage.

5.2 Old Community Shop Building

Motion, *That this Council seeks to engage the services of Paul Kelley, surveyor, to act on behalf of the Council in the matter of relinquishing the lease of the building formerly known as Our Lady Help of Christians church subject to acceptable charges.* (Cllr. Kenchington)

In Councillor Kenchington's absence this motion was proposed by Councillor Price and seconded by Councillor Browne.

Unanimously agreed.

5.3 To consider quotes re renovation of BT box.

A local resident who has been working on this project gave the presentation and provided supporting papers. The Council **unanimously agreed to go with contractor no. 3** at a cost of £540.

5.4 RDC PSPO Dog Control Consultation

Councillor Wright had requested this agenda item and in his absence this item was postponed to the next meeting.

5.5 RDC Car park (Cllr. Johnson)

Councillor Johnson expressed concern re usage and policing of the car park with car repairs appearing to take place in the evenings on a regular basis. Clerk to report.

5.6 ESCC Parking consultation

The Council noted that the proposals did not directly relate to the village.

5.7 District and County Councillors reports

Councillor Barnes gave her report.

5.8 Clerk's report

The Clerk gave her report, which had been emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

5.9 Parish Correspondence and local resident issues

Nothing further to report.

Councillor Barnes left the meeting at 9.40pm.

5.10 Urgent issues requiring attention

Councillor Browne asked the Council if it was happy to pay the associated costs of moving the bench he was storing up to Stage Field as previously agreed.

The Council **unanimously agreed to** pay the installation costs.

6.0 **COUNCIL ISSUES**

6.1 Review of Standing Orders

These were **unanimously approved** by the Council.

7.0 **TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS**

Councillor Johnson reported a pothole and noted the poor state of the road surface around the pedestrian crossing in Station Road. Clerk to report.

8.0 PLANNING

8.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2022/2957/O - 99 London Road, Lynwood, Hurst Green TN19 7PN. Proposed Lawful Development Certificate for a rear infill extension. **Refused.**

8.2 Planning Applications

RR/2023/154/P- Yew Tree House, 13 London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QP. Erection of fencing, well enclosure and landscaping to the rear garden. **Supported (two supported and four abstentions).**

9.0 PLAYING & STAGE FIELDS

Drewetts Field increased mole activity. Clerk to get a quote for removal.

9.1 Lodge Field regeneration project – update.

One tender rec'd and a second layout (uncosted) rec'd.

Third tender expected.

Chair will speak to Bruderhof community in Robertsbridge to see if they can provide an installation.

10.00 Items for the next agenda

Neighbourhood Plan.

Standing Orders

Coronation gift for local children

Other items to be emailed to Clerk as necessary.

11.0 Date and time of next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th March 2023 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 7.45pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -

All Parish Councillors

Parish Council Noticeboard

Parish Council Website

ESCC Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green

RDC Councillor M Barnes.

Signed

Cllr Graham Browne

Dated

28th March 2023